

- (4) Maryland Advisory Commission on Atomic Energy;
- (5) Maryland Arts Council;
- (6) Maryland Historical Trust;
- (7) Maryland Industrial Development and Financing Authority;
- (8) Maryland membership unit of the Southern Interstate Nuclear Board;
- (9) St. Mary's City Commission;
- (10) Community Development Administration;
- (11) Seafood Marketing Authority and Division of Market Development;
- (12) Maryland Bicentennial Commission for the Commemoration of the American Revolution;
- (13) Division of Tourism;
- (14) Commission on Afro-American History and Culture;
- (15) Commission on Indian Affairs;
- (16) Maryland Housing Policy Commission[.]; AND
- (17) OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

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(A) THERE IS AN OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CITIZENS OF THIS STATE.

(B) IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSE SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE SHALL:

~~{1}--ENCOURAGE---EXISTING---AND---POTENTIAL--EXPORTING COMPANIES-TO-INCREASE-THEIR-EXPORT-ACTIVITIES-BY-~~

(1) ENCOURAGE MARYLAND BUSINESSES TO INCREASE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ACTIVITIES, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON EXPORTS, BY:

(I) PROVIDING INFORMATIONAL AND CONSULTATIVE SERVICES ON THE EXPORT INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROCESS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MARKET RESEARCH AND SELECTION, MARKETING TECHNIQUES AND RISKS, FOREIGN TRADE LAWS AND REGULATIONS, AND THE AVAILABILITY OF PRIVATE OR PUBLIC FINANCING;